

To: Mary Lou Terrien, Committee Clerk

From: Mary Ellen Wall, Chairperson,

Pittsfield Charter Township Historic District Commission

Re: HB5232 and SB720 and substitutes

Our historic buildings and neighborhoods are too important to be lost. The preservation of historic places is a public purpose and contributes to the economic attraction of the community. Pittsfield Charter Township local legislative body has been involved from start to finish with the historic districts in our Township. Any request has been duly reviewed and process fulfilled per requirements, public hearings held and local and State Preservation Office comments noted.

The State Law PA169 of 1970 is not broken. It does not need to be "modernized".

The HB5232 and SB720 and the substitutes presented should be soundly rejected. They represent abusive self-interest and destruction of historic preservation as it is today. If a change needs to be made, it would be any sale of a property in an established historic district should have a clause for "full disclosure" of the prospective purchaser.

The Pittsfield Charter Township Historic District Commission unanimously agree that these bills HB5232 and SB720 and the substitutes should be rejected.

On Behalf of the Pittsfield Charter Township Historic District Commission

Mary Ellen Wall, Chairperson